

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Helmut WEBER et al.)	Confirmation No.: 9975
Application No.: 09/627,018)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000)	Examiner: Michael H. Thaler
For: CONVERTIBLE RONGEUR)	

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION MAILED 09/15/2006

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 15, 2006, to which a response is due from the final Office Action (04/26/2006) by October 26, 2006 with a three-month extension-of-time, of which a one-month extension was previously paid on August 25, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

A statement of the Claims as amended previously are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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